

5 **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
IMPLEMENTING A PROGRESS REPORTING
INTERFACE**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 Methods and apparatus for providing a progress associated with an executing process are disclosed. A progress report is generated in a progress reporting language, the progress reporting language indicating a progress of one or more steps in the executing process. The progress report is then provided to a user interface mechanism capable of interpreting the progress reporting language, where the user interface mechanism is adapted for generating a user interface indicating the progress of the one or more steps in the executing process. The user interface mechanism receives the progress report, ascertains the progress of the steps in the executing process from the progress report, and generates a user interface indicating the progress of the steps in the executing process.

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